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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner : Pham, Thomas K.  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2003, for which the three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on March 11, 2004. While it is believed that no fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Reconsideration in-light of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.